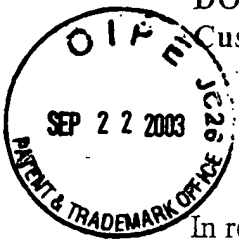


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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 27, 2002, Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA).

Assignment records should indicate that Nortel Networks Limited is the owner of the present application pursuant to assignments recorded at reel/frame numbers 010174/0454, 010567/0001, and 011195/0706. Accordingly, US Patent No. 6,324,265 and the present application are commonly owned.

Upon further review of the prosecution papers in this Application, it appears that Applicant has not received the form PTO-1449 (as initialed by the Examiner) listing the references cited in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed with the USPTO on

February 29, 2000. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner provide a copy of the initialed form indicating consideration of the references when issuing the next action on this application, or if the Examiner has not yet considered the references, please consider the references during examination of the Application.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at rmccutcheon@davismunck.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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